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For: Refrigerator oils for use with chlorine-free fluorocarbon refrigerants

DECLARATION

I, Kazuo TAGAWA, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a research worker further researching and improving products of the invention claimed in the above-identified application,

2. I am forty one years old,

3. I graduated from Gunma University, Faculty of engineering, Department of synthetic chemistry Course with a Bachelor's degree of engineering in 1986, finished the Master Course of engineering of Gunma University with a Master's degree of Engineering in 1988.

4. I have been employed by NIPPON OIL CO., LTD. since April, 1988, during which I have been engaged in researches in lubricating oils for compressors of refrigerators in the Central Technical Research Laboratory of said company,

5. I read the Official Action, dated August 28, 2004, issued in the above-identified application, and it is my belief that the Examiner's rejection of this application is not sound in view of comparative tests which were conducted by me, and

6. In order to make clear that the refrigerator oils according to the present invention are unexpectedly excellent in comparison with conventional ones, I made comparative tests as follows:

COMPARATIVE TESTS

To substantiate new and unexpected results for the mixed esters, which are included in the refrigerator oils of the present invention, based upon molar ratios of 1:3 and 3:1 for two carboxylic acids in which the first carboxylic acid is 2-ethylhexanoic acid and the second carboxylic acid is 3,5,5-trimethylhexanoic acid, I conducted further Comparative Tests as follows:

The refrigerator oils (Test Oil Nos. 1 and 2) which are included in the present invention each of which has a composition indicated in the following Table A, were prepared and then evaluated for their performances that are their insulating property, hygroscopicity and thermal and chemical stability by the same test methods as described in the present specification on pages 16-18. The Comparative Tests were carried out with the base oil alone without any epoxy additive. The results thus obtained are indicated in Table A.

As is apparent from the results indicated in Table A, the refrigerator oils (Test Oil Nos. 1 and 2) each of which contains molar ratios of 1:3 and 3:1 for two carboxylic acids in which the first carboxylic acid is 2-ethylhexanoic acid and the second carboxylic acid is 3,5,5-trimethylhexanoic acid, are excellent in pour point temperatures, which exhibit not higher than -10°C , as well as in any of insulating property, hygroscopicity and thermal and chemical stability, like in Examples 1 and 2 according to the present invention indicated in Table 1 of the present specification on page 19.

Table A

Test oil No.	Base Oils	Epoxy compounds		Kinematic Viscosity @100°C, (mm ² /s)	Miscibility with R134a, Temp. (°C)	Resistivity @25 (Ωcm)	Falex test Amount of journal worn (mg)	Hygroscopy @60°C, 30% (%)	Sealed glass tube tests				Pour point, (°C)
		Kind	Amount						Oil color	Cu	Catalysts Fe	Al	
1*	1	None	.	9.0	-30~CT	4.2x10 ¹⁴	26	0.19	4	No change	Luster decrease	No change	-35
2*	1	None	.	6.4	-27~CT	3.8x10 ¹⁴	27	0.19	4	No change	Luster decrease	No change	-45

Note: Test oil No. 1* C8 : C9=1mol : 3mol

Test oil No. 2* C8 : C9=3mol : 1mol

I further state that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated this February 21, 2005

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